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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday,

31st July 1935.
15th Karkidagam 1110.

The Council met in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall in Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock, with Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E., in the Chair.

Miss G. M. D'Souza and Messrs. K. T. Mathew, Popat Lal Goverdhan Lalan and C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Plague in Kunnamkulam.

61. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the date on which Government's attention was drawn to the outbreak of plague in Kunnamkulam, the action taken by Government to control the disease; who was responsible for looking after the arrangements;

(b) did the Director of Public Health leave the State while plague was prevalent in Kunnamkulam; if the answer is in the affirmative, why did he leave the State at this critical moment?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) On 5th January 1935; all such action as was considered necessary under modern methods for

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the investigation, prevention and treatment was taken; the Director of Public Health, except during the period between 27th January 1935 and 25th March 1935 when the Chief Medical Officer was in charge.

(b) No; as the town was declared plague infected only on 8th February 1935, when he was not the Director of Public Health, no answer is necessary in view of the answer just above.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it a fact that while plague was raging in Kunnamkulam the Director of Public Health made all preparations to leave the State?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—The Director of Public Health made preparations long before Kunnamkulam was declared plague infected. Kunnamkulam was declared to be plague infected after that. Until it is definitely proved to be plague infected we cannot declare it as such.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Who made the investigation regarding the declaration of plague?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—The C. M. O. in charge.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were there rat falls when the D. P. H. left the State?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When did the first rat fall occur?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were there not suspected rat falls when the D. P. H. left the State?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—No.

62. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many instances have there been in the History of Cochin when more localities than one were declared plague-affected in any one year;

(b) which are those instances;

(c) how many times have the Director of Public Health paid official visits to Kunnamkulam during the plague in 1110;

(d) how long did the plague rage in Kunnamkulam;

(e) how long was the Director of Public Health away from Cochin during the said period?

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